# **Breakfast**

- Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It breaks your fast after 12-14 hours of not eating.
- People who eat breakfast do better in school, at play and on the job.
- Try to eat foods from at least three food groups for breakfast.
- By planning ahead, you can have food on hand so you will not be tempted to skip breakfast.
- You can save money by preparing breakfast at home instead of eating at a fast-food restaurant.
- Choose foods low in fat and sugar for breakfast.



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## **EASY BREAKFAST IDEAS**

# **Four Tasty Blender Drinks**

Plug in your blender for some tasty, wake-me-up combinations. Combine all ingredients in a blender and mix. For a sweeter taste add 1 tablespoon sugar or honey. Yield: 1-2 servings.

- 1 banana, 1/4 cup pineapple (chunks, slices or crushed), 1 carton fruit-flavored yogurt and 1 cup milk.
- 1 cup strawberries, 1 carton vanilla yogurt, 1 cup milk and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla.
- 1 cup peaches, 1 cup milk and a dash of nutmeg or cinnamon.
- 1 banana, 2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate, 1 cup milk and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla.

#### **REQUIRES NO COOKING**

Cold cereal with milk topped with bananas, strawberries, peaches, raspberries or raisins Granola with milk Granola bar or trail mix Piece of fresh fruit Bowl of canned fruit Apple slices with peanut butter Peanut butter and jelly sandwich Cheese sandwich Crackers and cheese Bagel with cream cheese English muffin with jelly Bran muffin with cream cheese Banana bread with peanut butter Yogurt String cheese

#### **REQUIRES COOKING**

Hot cereal with milk topped with maple syrup, brown sugar, honey, raisins, dates or nuts Hot chocolate with cinnamon toast Crepes with fruit filling Pancakes with peaches and syrup Waffle with applesauce and syrup French Toast with Apple Syrup Breakfast in a Blanket Breakfast Pizza Breakfast Burrito Ham and Cheese Omelet Scrambled egg with cheese Hard boiled egg Soup with whole wheat toast Cheese toast Leftover pizza



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### **BREAKFAST BRIGHTENERS**



#### **BREAKFAST BURRITO**

4 eggs 1/4 cup milk 1/2 tsp. margarine 4 tortillas, warmed 1/2 cup shredded cheese 1/2 cup salsa

Beat eggs and milk together. Melt margarine in a skillet. Pour egg mixture into skillet; stir gently over low heat until eggs are set. Spread eggs down center of tortillas. Top with cheese and salsa. Fold or roll tortillas to serve. Yield: 4 servings. Each serving provides 255 calories, 13 g protein, 12 g fat, 198 mg cholesterol, 23 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 3 mg iron, 193 mg calcium, 1058 IU vitamin A, 5 mg vitamin C and 466 mg sodium.

#### **SPANISH POTATO OMELET**

4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled or 3/4 cup ham, diced 1/2 tsp. salt 1/8 tsp. pepper 2 medium potatoes, sliced thin 1/2 cup cheese, grated 1 medium onion, chopped

Melt margarine in a large skillet; add potatoes and onion. Fry until golden brown and tender, about 15 minutes. Beat eggs and add salt and pepper. Add eggs and meat to potato mixture. Stir gently over low heat until eggs are set; sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 6 servings. Each serving provides 167 calories, 9 g protein, 10 g fat, 136 mg cholesterol, 11 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 1 mg iron, 95 mg calcium, 334 IU vitamin A, 12 mg vitamin C and 304 mg sodium.

#### **DUTCH BABY PANCAKES**

Pan Size	Margarine	Eggs	Milk and Flour
2-3 quart	2 Tbsp.	3	3/4 cup each
3-4 quart	3 Tbsp.	4	1 cup each
4-4 1/2 quart	1/4 cup	5	1 1/4 cups each
4 1/2-5 quart	1/3 cup	6	1 1/2 cups each

Select recipe size. Put margarine in pan and place in a 425° F. oven until margarine is melted. Mix eggs, milk and flour in blender. Pour batter into hot pan. Return pan to oven and bake 20-25 minutes until puffy and light brown. Cut into pie-shaped pieces and serve immediately. Top with any of the following: syrup, fruit, yogurt or powdered sugar with a squirt of lemon. Yield: 3-6 servings. Each serving provides 274 calories, 11 g protein, 13 g fat, 186 mg cholesterol, 27 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 mg iron, 96 mg calcium, 2268 IU vitamin A, 0 mg vitamin C and 187 mg sodium.

#### **BREAKFAST SUNDAE**

Breakfast cereal Flavored yogurt Maraschino cherry Fruit (like bananas, strawberries, peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.)



Place one tablespoon of cereal in a tall clear glass. Top with one tablespoon of yogurt. Put two spoonfuls of fruit on top of yogurt. Repeat layers. End with a layer of yogurt and a maraschino cherry. Yield: 1 serving. Each serving provides 197 calories, 1 g protein, 2 g fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 30 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 2 mg iron, 179 mg calcium, 624 IU vitamin A, 10 mg vitamin C and 184 mg sodium.

#### FRENCH TOAST

2 eggs 1 Tbsp. milk 2 slices bread 1 tsp. margarine

Beat eggs and milk with a fork in a shallow bowl until blended. Heat margarine in a skillet. Dip bread in egg mixture; turn and coat evenly on both sides. Cook bread until lightly browned on both sides. Top with Apple Syrup (recipe below) or applesauce and maple syrup. Yield: 2 servings. Each serving provides 153 calories, 8 g protein, 7 g fat, 183 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 1 mg iron, 49 mg calcium, 561 IU vitamin A and 234 mg sodium.

#### **APPLE SYRUP**

1 cup sugar 2 Tbsp. cornstarch 1/4 tsp. cinnamon 1/4 tsp. nutmeg 2 cups apple juice 2 Tbsp. lemon juice 1/4 cup margarine

In a medium saucepan combine dry ingredients; blend well. Stir in apple and lemon juice. Cook until mixture thickens; stir constantly. Remove from heat and stir in margarine. Yield: 2 cups. Each 2 tablespoon serving provides 93 calories, 3 g fat, 17 g carbohydrate, 4 mg calcium, 117 IU vitamin A, 1 mg vitamin C and 34 mg sodium.

#### **BRAN MUFFINS**



2 1/2 tsp. baking soda 1 cup boiling water 1/2 cup shortening 1 cup sugar 2 eggs 2 cups buttermilk

2 1/2 cups flour 1/2 tsp. salt 2 cups 100% bran buds 1 cup 40% bran flakes 1/2 cup nuts, chopped 1/2 cup raisins

Add soda to water; let cool. In a large bowl cream shortening and sugar together. Add eggs; beat well. Mix in buttermilk, flour and salt; slowly add soda water. Fold cereals, nuts and raisins into mixture. Coat muffin pan with cooking spray or line with paper baking cups; fill 2/3 full. Bake at 350° F. for 15-20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pans. Yield: 2 1/2 dozen. Each muffin provides 141 calories, 3 g protein, 5 g fat, 13 mg cholesterol, 22 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 2 g iron, 53 mg calcium, 84 IU vitamin A, 4 mg vitamin C and 208 mg sodium.